

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Delbert and Erma Callis on their 60th wedding anniversary.

*Whereas, Delbert and Erma Callis will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2011;*

*Whereas, Delbert Lyle Callis was born September 18, 1928 in Trimble County, Kentucky in a farmhouse owned by his great uncle. He was raised with three older brothers and a younger sister;*

*Whereas, Delbert spent his formative years on Middle Creek, near Bedford, Kentucky. In his freshman year of high school, the family moved to Bethlehem, Indiana. Delbert graduated from New Washington High School in 1946;*

*Whereas, Erma Jean Tuley was born at home on January 11, 1932 in Rockport, Indiana to William Franklin Tuley and Lucy Agnes Bence Tuley. She was the youngest of three, having an older brother and sister;*

*Whereas, In 1941, when Erma was in third grade, the*



*family moved to Clarksville, Indiana. Erma graduated from Jeffersonville High School in 1950;*

*Whereas, Delbert and Erma met in August 1950 in Jeffersonville, Indiana when Delbert was returning from a double date. When he spotted Erma walking down the street, he did a double take. Delbert's friend knew Erma and set them up on a date the next Sunday to watch Delbert play baseball. Delbert said it was love at first sight;*

*Whereas, Delbert was drafted in the Army in January 1951 and the couple decided they would get married when he returned. In August 1951, while Delbert was on leave, the couple tied the knot at Erma's church, Wesley Chapel Ohio Falls Methodist, in Clarksville, Indiana. They enjoyed each other's company for a few days before Delbert went back to camp in California. Erma stayed behind and lived at her parent's house;*

*Whereas, Erma moved to California in February 1952 to live with her husband in a tiny upstairs apartment. After being unsuccessful in finding a job, she finally walked up to the manager of Montgomery Ward and said that she wanted to apply for a job. Although there were no job openings, the manager hired her anyway;*

*Whereas, The new couple lived on a shoestring but with Erma's first two paychecks they bought a Monopoly set and a \$17 radio. When Delbert got paid they would go to the movies, buy two bags of popcorn, and share a soft drink;*

*Whereas, In November 1952, their first child, Deborah Jean was born at Fort Knox, Kentucky while Delbert was at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. Ultimately, there would be three children that were the couple's pride and joy. Deron Jay was born in 1958 and Deena Jana was born in 1963, both in Jeffersonville, Indiana;*



*Whereas, After Delbert was discharged from the Army, he spent his life in a variety of occupations: he sold insurance, ran machines at a pipe making company, worked for a heavy equipment company, served as a Clarksville policeman, worked as a detective for the railroad, and sold mobile homes. His last career in Indiana was owner and operator of Trailerama Trailer Sales in Memphis, Indiana;*

*Whereas, Erma worked in the office at a dairy company, a heavy equipment company, chemical company, paint company, and a machining company. She did a variety of jobs during this time from bookkeeper to advertising executive;*

*Whereas, Erma kept the books for Delbert and their travel trailer business. She also owned a ceramic shop where she taught lessons and fired the finished pieces;*

*Whereas, In 1982, Erma returned to school and earned her licensed practical nurse degree. She then worked in a hospital, a doctor's office and ultimately at a health care facility where she became the administrator;*

*Whereas, The Callis family loved to camp and fish together. Delbert and Erma hosted camping excursions that took 15 to 20 camping trailer families to different locations with various activities along the way;*

*Whereas, Delbert, Erma, and the children traveled to many states east of the Mississippi and parts of Canada, which was a great education for the children;*

*Whereas, Delbert and Erma sold their businesses and moved to Davenport, Florida in 1985. Delbert oversaw the operations and maintenance of Polo Park, where they still reside. Erma worked several jobs in the medical field and ended up at New Horizons, a healthcare facility with 60 beds.*



*Delbert joined New Horizons in 1996, working in building maintenance and also teaching the new employees how to cook for the residents. They both retired from New Horizons in 2008;*

*Whereas, Delbert enjoys fishing and boating at his fish camp in Deland, Florida. He is also a sports fanatic and loves to watch all kinds of sports, especially his beloved Kentucky Wildcats basketball. Delbert is a handyman and can fix anything. He has built additions on his home and enjoys keeping his yard beautiful;*

*Whereas, Erma enjoys sewing in her new sewing room, going to tea, and spending time with her friends. She is also very artistic and draws, paints in oils, and has even made several stained glass creations that grace their home;*

*Whereas, Delbert and Erma are accomplished chefs, a valuable asset that has been passed on to their children and grandchildren. Delbert cooks in a southern country style and Erma creates gourmet fare. Erma has many kitchen gadgets and makes her own whipped cream and flavored vinegars from scratch. With the help of Delbert, they grow their own herbs;*

*Whereas, Delbert and Erma have two cherished grandchildren, Kasie Shaune Hennessey and Kegan Thomas-Lyle Hennessey; and*

*Whereas, Delbert and Erma Callis are congratulated on their 60th wedding anniversary, a wonderful occasion for the entire Callis family: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1       SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates Delbert and Erma  
2 Callis on their 60th wedding anniversary.

3       SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Deron Callis.

